

SUNSHINE LINES

Beautiful News From Bay to Beach



News You Can Use

Starting Oct. 1, a small rate increase for city drinking water, sewer, solid waste and recycling services, stormwater and reclaimed water customers will go into effect. All increases are 3.75 percent, with exception of stormwater, which is 1.25 percent. Once the rate increases go into effect, the minimum utility bill for a residential property will total \$109.12 for these services.

The increases are a result of the rising costs of electricity and water purification chemicals. Infrastructure projects and improvements are also needed over the next several years, and the increases will help offset costs for these improvements. The city of Clearwater strives to provide the safest, best quality water product and solid waste/recycling services for its customers. To learn more about Clearwater's utility services, visit myclearwater.com.

Spill the Water

Living in Florida, mosquitoes are seemingly part of everyday life. To help prevent infection and to reduce the spread of mosquito-borne diseases, it is important for everyone to practice basic mosquito bite prevention: cover skin with long clothing and repellent and spill sources of standing water. Fewer mosquito bites reduces everyone's risk for illness, and a smaller mosquito population means fewer



bites. Mosquitoes can breed in as little as one teaspoon (or a bottle cap) of water. Help fight against mosquitoes when you "Spill the Water!" around your home and neighborhood. Learn more at floridahealth.gov.

Crime Stoppers

The Clearwater Police Department encourages residents to use the Crime Stoppers reporting service to help solve crime. Crime Stoppers is a community-based program that involves citizens, the media and law enforcement in the fight against crime. You can report information on criminal activity, the whereabouts of a wanted person or an unsolved case.

Submit a tip by calling the anonymous tip line at (800) 873-TIPS (8477), download the P3 Mobile App, or submit information at crimestoppersofpinellas.org. After submitting a tip, you'll be assigned an anonymous tip number, which you'll need for further contact or updates. You may be eligible for a reward of up to \$3,000 if your tip leads to an arrest. Learn more at crimestoppersofpinellas.org.



Imagine Clearwater

The city of Clearwater has launched Imagine Clearwater, a community-focused visioning and master planning effort for its downtown waterfront and bluff. The master plan will establish a framework for the future of a 50-acre area west of Osceola Avenue, bordered by Drew Street to the north and Court Street to the south.



Over a five-month master planning process, the city will regularly engage Clearwater residents to reimagine the future of the downtown waterfront. Your input is needed to make this effort a success. To learn more or to stay informed, visit imaginedclearwater.com or contact Gina Clayton, the city's assistant director of Planning and Development, at (727) 562-4587.

It's All Political



It's political season, and it seems the election signs are blooming all over. The city of Clearwater has ordinances for proper election signage citywide.

First things first. Signs cannot be located on publicly-owned land or easements or inside street rights-of-way. On each parcel, one election sign can be displayed for each candidate and each issue. No sign shall be within 5 feet of a property line. On residential property, the election sign cannot exceed 6 square feet of total sign face area. If the election sign is displayed as a freestanding sign on the parcel, the election sign shall not exceed 4 feet in height. On commercial property, the election sign cannot exceed 16 square feet of total sign face area. If the election sign is displayed as a freestanding sign on the property, the sign shall not exceed 6 feet in height.

An election sign must be removed within seven calendar days following the election. For more information, call Planning & Development at (727) 562-4567.

Clearwater Happenings

Maxima Concierto Herencia Hispana (Hispanic Heritage Festival)

Sunday, Oct. 9

Coachman Park

Gates open at noon

Concert starts at 1 p.m.

The Hispanic Heritage Festival showcases Clearwater's Hispanic heritage each year. The festival is sponsored by Latin radio station 92.5 Maxima and features top national recording artists from the Latin music charts. Along with entertainment will be food and drink concessions, special exhibitors and more. To purchase tickets, visit 925maxima.radio.com.



Clearwater Jazz Holiday

Thursday to Sunday, Oct. 13 - 16

Coachman Park

The Clearwater Jazz Holiday features four days of national and regional performing acts. Headlining this year's festival will be Kool & the Gang, Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, Daryl Hall and more. The schedule and artists are subject to change. There will be food and drink concessions, exhibitors and Clearwater Jazz Holiday merchandise for sale. For tickets and more information, visit clearwaterjazz.com.



Alzheimer's Programs at the Countryside Library

- **Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters**
Monday, Oct. 3, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or behavioral changes, it's time to learn the facts. Early detection of Alzheimer's disease gives you a chance to begin drug therapy, enroll in clinical studies and plan for the future.
- **Free Memory Screenings**
Tuesday, Oct. 11, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Learn the early signs of Alzheimer's with a private screening by Amanda Brady from the Alzheimer's Association. Registration is required. Contact Amanda Brady at (727) 578-2558 to schedule an appointment.

Crest Lake Park Master Plan Workshop

Please give your input to the city's Parks & Recreation Department about Crest Lake Park's design. Join us at a public workshop from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 6 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 407 S. Saturn Ave. Pre-register at eventbrite.com (type "Crest Lake" into the search box) or call (727) 562-4800.

Clearwater Gas, At Your Service

Clearwater Gas System's service and repair team works on most common gas appliances, both residential and commercial. The city's team of professionals is committed to providing dependable services such as lighting pilots and performing routine gas appliance maintenance, including cleaning and adjusting gas burners.

Now is the perfect time to have your propane or natural gas appliances serviced to ensure peak performance. To schedule a service visit, call Clearwater Gas System at (727) 562-4900, ext. 7419.

When You Recycle, Recycling Perks Rewards.

Are you a Recycling Perks member? You can redeem points you earn every week for recycling. It's easy! All you have to do is sign up, fill up your recycling barrel, and then cash in. Recycling Perks is rewarding residents, and it's easy to use those points for great discounts and rewards. Whether it's food, fitness or services you're after, there are reward partners popping up all over Clearwater. Some new partners include Grillsmith, BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse, Apollo Gymnastics and Tropics Boat Tours, just to name a few. For more information or to sign up, visit recyclingperks.com.



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